

STAFF CONFERENCE
Minutes of Meeting Held in Director's
Conference Room, 214 Administration Building
Wednesday, 4 September 1957

General Cabell Presiding

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1. Briefing of Chiefs of Personnel of Military Services. General Cabell opened the meeting by indicating that he had recognized a need to improve our public relations with the Military Services in the area of assignments of Military officers to the Agency. Accordingly, he has invited the Chiefs of Personnel of each of the Services, together with members of their staff, for luncheons and briefings on Agency utilization of Military personnel. General Cabell cited an instance wherein a Colonel recently assigned to the Agency complained that he had not met his supervisors. General Cabell felt that this instance demonstrated thoughtlessness on the part of the supervisors concerned, and said that we should substitute positive action in instances of this sort in the future.

2. Soviet Announcement on Guided Missiles. General Cabell said that he was not going to provide this group with the Agency's official evaluation of the Soviet announcement on guided missiles because he felt that there was not a "need to know" on the part of those present. He asked that any inquiries on the Agency's evaluation of the announcement be answered with "no comment."

Colonel Grogan said that he had received several inquiries from the Press, and had indicated in each instance that the President and the Secretary of State had already provided the Government's response on this matter, and that the Agency had nothing further to contribute.

Mr. Paul asked what action should be taken in response to Congressional inquiries on this matter. General Cabell said that he already had appeared before the Military Applications Subcommittee of the House, along with Acting Secretary of Defense, Mr. Quarles, and had met with Senators Saltonstall and Hayden, in order to inform the Congress of the Agency's evaluation. General Cabell said that he felt that this was probably all that would be required by the Congress, but that in the event inquiries were received, they should be handled on an individual basis.

3. Personnel Reassignments. General Cabell announced that the Legislative Liaison function has been transferred from the Office of the Inspector General to the Office of the General Counsel, and that Mr. John Warner will be the Agency's Congressional liaison representative in addition to his other duty as Deputy General Counsel.

Mr. Wisner announced that [redacted] is being assigned as the Chief, NEA Division, replacing [redacted] who is being assigned as [redacted]

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Mr. Sherman Kent announced that Mr. Paul Borel was being assigned as AD/CR, replacing Mr. James Andrews who resigned. Mr. Kent also announced that [redacted] is being assigned as Deputy AD/CR, replacing [redacted] who is being reassigned to the Office of Operations.

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Mr. Kent announced that Mr. Jack Smith was being promoted to the Board of National Estimates with his office in the Pentagon.

Mr. Kent announced that Lt. General Earl Barnes of the Air Force is joining the Board of National Estimates as of 1 October.

4. President's Board of Consultants. General Cabell announced that Mr. Lovett of the Killian Committee recently had asked the Agency to provide him with a list of problems to which the President's Board can address itself in order to provide assistance. General Cabell asked that all initial suggestions in this regard be furnished to the Inspector General, through appropriate Deputy Directors, by 15 September, in order that they may be screened and presented to the Board at its next meeting this month.

5. Asiatic Flu. Dr. Tietjen gave a general statement on the Agency's inoculation program for Asiatic flu. To date, the Agency has received 4,000 cc's of vaccine, some of which already has been distributed and, except for a small reserve, the remainder will be distributed within Headquarters immediately. Dr. Tietjen said that the virus does not produce serious illness and that there is no treatment for it. He also said that the vaccine is effective only in about 60% of inoculations. General Cabell emphasized that the initial inoculations should be restricted to those persons in the Agency whose absence from duty would result in a serious manpower problem.



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7. Mr. Kirkpatrick's Trip to Europe. Mr. Kirkpatrick gave a short summary on his recent visit to stations [REDACTED]. Generally, he found a high level of effectiveness in all operations. Additionally, he found that our personnel overseas now seem to have a better understanding of our career program and have a better feeling about the prospects of assignments in Headquarters upon return from their overseas positions.

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8. Charity Drives. Mr. Gordon Stewart announced that there would be three separate drives for funds for charitable purposes in the Agency during the coming year. The United Givers Fund drive will be conducted in October, running concurrently with the Agency's drive for funds for the Public Service Aid Society. The balance in the PSAS fund is now \$2,000, and Mr. Stewart indicated that there should be a balance on hand of approximately \$20,000 in order to meet contingencies. The funds drive for the public health organizations will be conducted next spring, utilizing the same keyman organization as is used for the UGF drive.

25X1 9. DCI's Return. [] announced that Mr. Dulles is expected to arrive in New York City at 0745 hours on 8 September.

25X1 10. NIS Program. [] gave a brief summary of the current status of the NIS program. An important recent addition to the program is the production of summaries of National Intelligence Surveys on each country. He said that these had been quite helpful in the past and furnish a wealth of information in quite condensed form. Coverage of the world under the NIS program is now two-thirds complete.

The meeting adjourned at 1208 hours.